

Vernon Electric Cooperative

"Information for our member-owners."

Vernon Electric Co-op Names New CEO

The Vernon Electric Board of Directors have named Craig Buros to be the new CEO and General Manager to replace Joe McDonald who will be retiring in February. Board President Bernadine Hornby stated, "After conducting an extensive executive search for a new CEO, we are confident in Craig's leadership and industry expertise to lead Vernon Electric into the future".

Buros will be promoted from his current position of Director of Engineering & Operations. Buros grew up on a farm in the Westby area, has a lifetime of experience in the electric industry and 25 years of experience with Vernon Electric. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Wisconsin Platteville, is a graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Robert I. Kabat Management Internship Program at the University of Wisconsin Madison and has also achieved certifications from the University of Wisconsin La Crosse's College of Business.

Buros has served on numerous committees including President of the Wisconsin Line Superintendents

Organization, Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association Job Training and Safety Committee, Wisconsin Apprenticeship Advisory Committee, Dairyland Power Standards Committee, and the University of Wisconsin Platteville – Sustainable and Renewable Energy Systems – Advisory Board.



Craig Buros

Buros is very involved with our community. He serves as an instructor/mentor for the Westby High School robotics team, has served in several capacities, including president, of the Snowflake Ski & Golf Club, and has volunteered for numerous youth sports and clubs.

"I am excited and honored about this opportunity as I continue my work with the board, employees and members of Vernon Electric Cooperative," Buros said. "This is a great organization and a wonderful community to be a part of."

Vernon Electric Night at Mt. La Crosse

Friday, February 15 from 4-9 p.m. is a special night at Mt. La Crosse Ski & Snowboarding for Vernon Electric Cooperative members and their families (parents and children). Vernon Electric members will receive a special rate on lift tickets and ski rentals. Anyone interested in attending the Vernon Electric Night on the slopes can register online at www.mtlacrosse.com by clicking on the "Corporate Night" button on the homepage. **Please sign up on or before Wednesday, February 13.**

Lift ticket and ski rental price: \$25

Lift ticket only: \$19

Lift and snowboard rental: \$35 (based on availability of equipment)

If you're a beginner and age 10 or up, you can get free lessons at 5 or 6 p.m. Please call Mt. La Crosse by February 9 to register as a Vernon Electric member for the free lesson. Lessons, by reservation only, are available for 5 and under for \$18 each and 6-9 years-old are \$10 each.

Package includes free dinner from 6:30-8pm (hotdog, chips, dessert, and drink). Pick up dinner coupons when you check in.

Mt. La Crosse Ski & Snowboarding has been a member of Vernon Electric Cooperative since its beginning in 1959. Skiers of all ages and abilities have fallen in love with Mt. La Crosse, from gentle Mileaway, Wisconsin's longest run, to Damnation, Mid-America's steepest trail. Mt. La Crosse offers the widest variety of skiing and snowboarding terrain in the Midwest. The unique chalet offers food service, a complete ski shop, rental and repair shop, and an award-winning bar, all close to the slopes and handy to parking. Windows overlooking the slopes and trails provide attractive views of winter in Wisconsin. Mt. La Crosse's nineteen slopes and trails are serviced by three double chairlifts and one rope tow. Come join us on the slopes and support your local businesses!



SAVE THE DATE!



Like us on Facebook

Vernon Electric's Facebook page is updated weekly and is a good place to get information on upcoming events, what's happening at the Co-op, and to

get updates if there is a major power outage. By clicking on the "Like" button on our Facebook page, you increase the likelihood that updates will show up in your newsfeed automatically.

2019 Electric Water Heater & Flow Restrictor Rebates

Eligibility and Instructions

- The water heater must be new and purchased and/or installed, on Vernon Electric lines, in 2019
- A load management control must be installed (free of charge) by a Vernon Electric technician (heat pump water heaters exempt). A load management control will turn your water heater off for a few hours during periods of high demand or high market costs for electricity. During these periods, you will rely on the stored hot water in your water heater's tank.
- Rebate not to exceed 20% of the cost of equipment
- Rebates are in place through December 31, 2019 or until funds are depleted
- Submit rebate form and receipt no later than 3 months from installation of water heater, or purchase of flow restrictor
- Rebate forms are available by contacting our office or online at www.vernonelectric.org.

See Vernon Electric's website at www.vernonelectric.org for more energy efficiency rebates available.

- Standard Water Heater, 50-74 gallons..... \$50
- Standard Water Heater, 75 gallons or greater \$125
- High-Efficiency Water Heater, 75-99 gallons with an Energy Factor (EF) of .90 or greater \$250
- High-Efficiency Water Heater, 100 gallons or greater with an Energy Factor (EF) of .85 or greater \$400
- Commercial Water Heater, 75-99 gallons \$250
- Commercial Water Heater, 100 gallons or greater \$400
- Heat Pump Water Heater with an Energy Factor (EF) of 2.00 or greater (load management control not required)... \$300
- Solar Storage Water Heater with Electric Backup \$1,200
- Faucet flow restrictor of 1.5 gallons per minute or less \$1
- Shower flow restrictor of 2.5 gallons per minute or less..... \$5

Energy Assistance Available for Qualifying Members



The winter heating season is in full swing. It's important for you to make every attempt to keep current on your electric bill. We understand that things do happen that put financial burdens on people. Certain government organizations can offer heating assistance or point you in the direction of a group that can help.

The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) administers the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Public Benefits Energy Assistance Program. LIHEAP and its related agencies help more than 230,000 Wisconsin households annually.

Eligibility

You may be eligible for weatherization services if:

- Your received benefits from WHEAP or your gross income for the last three months is equal to or less than 60 percent of Wisconsin's state median income (SMI) for your family size.
- Your dwelling/apartment has not been weatherized before.
- Your household meets certain priorities that may include a high energy burden or use, an elderly or disabled member or a child under six.

For more information and application details, please contact your local office:

Vernon County – 608-637-5210

La Crosse - 608-784-4357

Monroe County – 608-487-9356

Crawford County – 608-326-0248

Richland County – 608-647-8821

Sauk County – 608-356-8887

Juneau County – 608-847-5988

First Call for Help – 800-362-8255 or 211 (a resource that will help you to find other agencies in your area that may be able to assist you with payment toward your electric bill)

WHEAP Income Guidelines for the 2018-2019 Heating Season

Household Size	3-Month Income	Annual Income
1	\$6,870.00	\$27,480
2	\$8,983.75	\$35,935
3	\$11,097.75	\$44,391
4	\$13,211.50	\$53,846
5	\$15,325.25	\$61,301
6	\$17,439.25	\$69,757
7	\$17,835.50	\$71,342
8	\$18,231.75	\$72,927

For Sale:

Sold as is. Bids on Wisconsin Surplus website (www.wisurplus.com) will be accepted from February 8 until 10 a.m. on February 22, 2019. To arrange a pre-inspection of a vehicle at our Westby office, contact Jason Kriel at 608-634-3121, 1-800-447-5051, or jkriel@vernonelectric.org.



2004, Ford F-450 Dump Truck, 90,839 miles. This truck has some motor problems and may need to be towed to location after purchase. Dump bed in good shape.



2002, Dodge Grand Caravan SE, 130,332 miles. The van is in fair condition and has a few rust spots. Runs and drives well.